

A Liturgy of the Eucharist for Christ the King



All Saints Church, Birkenhead

A CHRIST THE KING REFLECTION

The Feast of Christ the King is a relatively recent addition to the western liturgical calendar, having been instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. In 1970 its observance was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and adopted by Anglicans, Lutherans, and many other Protestants along with the new Revised Common Lectionary.

Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in 1925 in response to growing nationalism and secularism and declared “If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all people, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all people, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire.”

In other words it is to be a commemoration that reminds us that Christ is above all that divides human beings, race, creed, and political allegiance. For he is all our King, King of all creation.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather in the name of God: ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Amen

The Lord be with you.
The Lord Bless you.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins
in penitence and faith.

cf Matthew 4.17

We say / sing:

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.
O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name, Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Through the cross of Christ,
✠ God have mercy on you,
pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal.
Amen.

We say/sing

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at
the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, ✠ in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Silence is kept

The Priest prays the Collect

THE READINGS

After each reading the response is

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

A Hymn may be sung

We stand for the Gospel reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

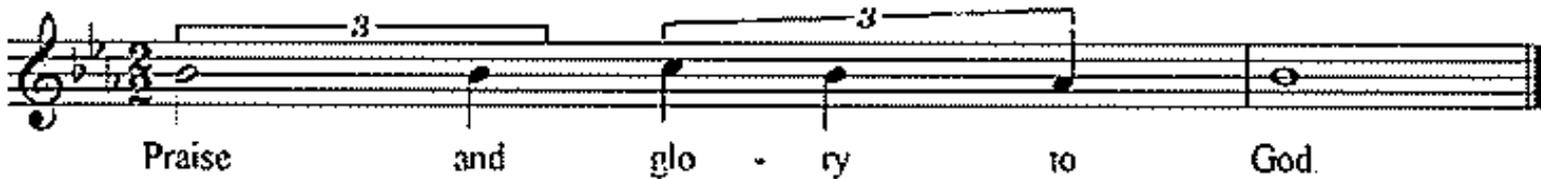
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Luke 19.38

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to...

All:

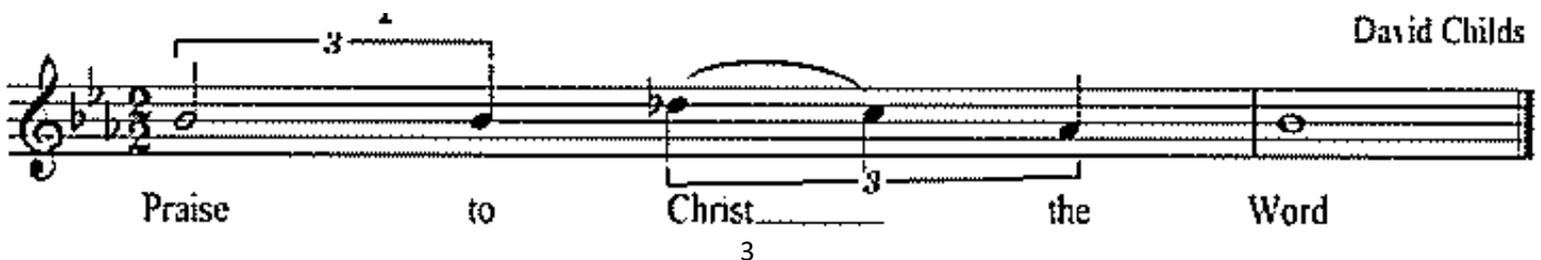


After the Gospel, the reader says

This is the Gospel of Christ.

All:

David Childs



THE SERMON

Following The Sermon we keep silence

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The presiding priest says:

Let us with confidence present our prayers and supplications to the throne of grace.

Prayer response:

May your reign come;

Lord, hear our prayer

THE PEACE

We stand together

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*We sing a **Hymn** as the bread & wine and the gifts of the people are
brought to the altar*

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.
Blessed be God for ever

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here
God's Spirit is with us
Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to offer thanks and praise

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six staves of music, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and uses a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. There are some decorative wavy lines above certain notes, possibly indicating a specific performance style or ornamentation. The lyrics are: 'The Lord is here', 'God's Spirit is with us', 'Lift up your hearts', 'We lift them up to the Lord', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God', and 'It is right to offer thanks and praise'.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.
As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.
And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please sit or kneel

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;
on the night before he died
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given you thanks, he broke it,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new
covenant which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins;
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me

Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await,
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Therefore loving God,
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his
coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this
bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving, which we offer through Christ
our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the
body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed
for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise.

✠ **B**lessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever. Amen.

Looking for the coming of his kingdom, as our Saviour taught us, so we

pray / sing:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Silence is kept

The presiding priest breaks the bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.

We say/sing together:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb

The presiding priest and the people receive communion

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Final Hymn may be sung

A ✠ Blessing is given...

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.

Amen.

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

We are sent out with these words

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

*You are warmly invited to share Morning Tea in the Hall following the 9.30am
service*